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TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

THE PRESIDENT CALLED ABOUT 9:00 P.M. HE ASKED IF WE HAD ANY FURTHER WORD FROM YOU AND THEN HE BEGAN TO SPECULATE ABOUT THE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF THE TERRORIST MASSACRE ON YOUR NEGOTIATIONS AND ON THE OVERALL SITUATION. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION ALONG THOSE LINES THE PRESIDENT ASKED IF I HAD TOLD YOU HOW MUCH HE APPRECIATED YOU AND THE EFFORTS THAT YOU WERE MAKING. I ASSURED HIM THAT I HAD AND HE REPLIED THAT IF I THOUGHT OF ANYTHING WE HERE COULD DO TO HELP YOU TO LET HIM KNOW. IT WAS A VERY RELAXED, WARM CONVERSATION AND CONFIRMS MY EARLIER FEELING THAT ALL IS WELL NOW.

YOU ASKED FOR JUDGMENTS ABOUT YOUR SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH OHIRA AND THE CENTO MINISTERS IF YOU SHOULD HAVE TO REMAIN IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT LONG (HAKTO 94). ON OHIRA, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT IF IT APPEARS SAY BY FRIDAY THAT YOU WILL NOT BE RETURNING IN TIME, WE TELL HIM OF THAT POSSIBILITY AND GIVE HIM THE OPTION OF POSTPONING HIS TRIP SHOULD HE CARE TO DO SO. FOR THE CENTO CONFERENCE, I DO NOT SEE THAT WE HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT TO CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED, WITH RUSH FILLING IN FOR YOU IF NEEDED. I WOULD, HOWEVER, SUGGEST IN THIS CASE THAT WE CABLE EACH OF THE COUNTRIES AGAIN AROUND FRIDAY, TO TELL THEM OF YOUR DELAYED RETURN, IN THE EVENT THAT THEY MIGHT WISH TO MODIFY THE MAKEUP OF THEIR DELEGATIONS. (I UNDERSTAND, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT CALLAGHAN MAY NOT WISH TO COME IF YOU WILL NOT BE HERE) IF I HAVE ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT, I WILL LET YOU KNOW.

WARM REGARDS.

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